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Newsletter for State Partners in HAI Prevention

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Summer Edition

Infection Prevention in Dialysis Settings— New Continuing Education Course

CDC has developed a new Continuing Education Course for outpatient hemodialysis workers, including technicians and nurses. It can be found at: <http://www.cdc.gov/dialysis/provider/CE/infection-prevent-outpatient-hemo.html>

The one-hour course covers the following topic areas:

- ◆ Information about dialysis-related infections
- ◆ Recommendations for infection control in outpatient dialysis settings
- ◆ Education for patients and caregivers

Eligibility to receive continuing education credit for completion of the course requires a course assessment and evaluation using the CDC Training and Continuing Education Online (TCEOnline) system. You can access the system at: <http://www2a.cdc.gov/TCEOnline/>

State Partner HAI Prevention Call Series

Save the Date!

An upcoming call featuring “BSI Prevention in Dialysis Settings” will be held on: **Tuesday, August 21st at 2:00 p.m. ET.**

Call-in details:

Bridgeline: 877-501-0829

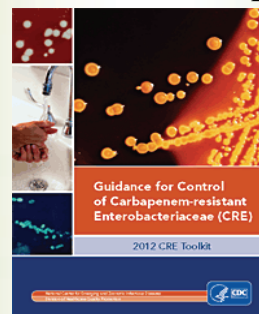
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Reminder: 4th Annual HAI Grantees’ Meeting

The fourth annual HAI Grantees’ Meeting will be held at the CDC Global Communications Center in Atlanta on November 7-8, 2012. If you haven’t already, please register today. If you need additional information, please contact your PHA.



Communications Update



2012 CRE Toolkit– Guidance for Control of Carbapenem– resistant Enterobacteriaceae (CRE)

CDC has recently released a **CRE Toolkit**:

<http://www.cdc.gov/hai/organisms/cre/cre-toolkit/index.html>

and a new **CRE website**: <http://www.cdc.gov/HAI/organisms/cre/index.html> to assist with HAI prevention efforts.

In addition, a related **Mortality and Morbidity Weekly Report (MMWR)** featuring Rhode Island can be found here:

http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm6124a3.htm?s_cid=mm6124a3_w

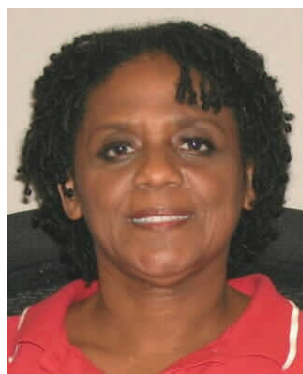
HAI prevention stories from states include **Minnesota and Wisconsin**:

http://www.cdc.gov/hai/state-based/success_stories.html



Welcoming New State HAI Coordinators!

Alabama



Nadine S. Crawford, MSN, RN has been with the Alabama Department of Public Health for 10 years starting in 2001 with the Bureau of Health Provider Standards as a Licensure & Certification Long-Term Care (LTC) Surveyor. In 2004, she became a Long Term Care supervisor and later transferred to the position of Director of Quality Assurance in April, 2007. Then, in January, 2012, she accepted a promotion for the position of State Infection Control Officer / HAI Coordinator with the Bureau of Communicable Diseases, Epidemiology Division. Nadine's nursing career spans over 30 years of diverse nursing experience that includes working as a direct care provider on medical-surgical units, intensive care units, home health care, as well as working in Risk Management as a Clinical Reviewer for a Veteran Affairs Medical Center. Additionally, she has enjoyed 6 years of teaching medical-surgical nursing at Tuskegee University as an assistant professor. Nadine received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of Alabama in Birmingham in 1980 and 1989, received her Master of Science in Nursing from Troy State University. She has two sons, Brian and Gerard, and is a proud grandmother to granddaughter Janiya (12), and grandsons Brandon (3) and Justin Reece (2).



Mississippi



Cindy Allard, RN BSN CIC officially became the HAI Coordinator for Mississippi State Department of Health in January 2012. Previously, she served in the Office of Communicable Disease as a Vaccine Preventable Disease Nurse since March 2008 as well as provided unfunded support for state HAI efforts since the beginning of the HAI Recovery Act funding in 2009. Cindi worked as an Infection Preventionist (IP) at a large university hospital from 1/2005 to 3/2008, during which time she became certified in infection control. Prior to working as an IP, she worked in both the clinical setting and in the Office of Communicable disease from 1997– 2005 as a public health nurse.





Welcoming New State HAI Coordinators (cont.)

Delaware



Genenne Mengistu, MD, PhD is Delaware's new HAI Coordinator. He is an Epidemiologist III in the Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Section at the Delaware Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) and works in the area of Influenza as well as HAI. Highlights of his extensive background include Post-Doc Research and Training at the Institute for Microbiology and Tumour & Cell Biology, Karolinska Institute, Stockholm, Sweden, 1993-1994; serving as a Senior Research Scientist: Armauer Hansen Research Institute, Jima Road, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia; and as a Research Fellow: National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS), National Institutes of Health (NIH), Bethesda, Maryland, August 1999- November 2003. Dr. Mengistu received his Ph.D: Immunology of Infectious Diseases, Karolinska Institute, Stockholm, Sweden, September 1992. and M.D: General Medicine, Medical Faculty, Addis Ababa University, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, September 1985.



Arizona



Vinita Oberoi, MPH, serves as the HAI Coordinator for the Arizona Department of Health Services HAI Program through the Office of Infectious Disease Services. Ms. Oberoi facilitates the state HAI Advisory Committee and Subcommittees, and assists in statewide collaborative HAI prevention efforts. Prior to joining the ADHS HAI Program in February 2012, Ms. Oberoi worked in the Evaluation Department of the Louisiana Public Health Institute and for the Louisiana Office of Public Health STD/HIV Prevention and Services Division. She also has experience in coalition building and public relations for nonprofit organizations. Ms. Oberoi attended Louisiana State University for undergraduate studies and then received her Master of Public Health (MPH) from Tulane University's School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine.





Welcoming New State HAI Coordinators (cont.)

Colorado



Tara Janosz, MPH is the HAI Coordinator in Colorado. Tara received a Bachelor of Science in Microbiology from the University of New Hampshire in 2000 and then obtained a Master of Public Health degree (MPH) from the Colorado School of Public Health, University of Colorado-Denver in 2010. She worked as a microbiologist in the biotechnology industry, before directing her focus to clinical research. She was a Project Coordinator for the Cardiovascular Imaging Core Laboratory and the Clinical Endpoint Center at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, MA. Since moving to Colorado she has focused on infection surveillance, including influenza and invasive MRSA with the Emerging Infections Program at Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE). Currently Tara is an epidemiologist for the Patient Safety Program focusing on mandatory reporting of healthcare acquired infections with the CDPHE.

HAI Train-the-Trainer Update

The Regional HAI Train-The-Trainer program has now reached all ten regions! We continue to encourage our state partners to move into the second phase of the initiative by utilizing the training materials to accomplish state-based HAI training efforts identified in the State Action Plans submitted to the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

In an effort to further assist with training efforts, all materials from the training program have now been posted onto the Epi-X HAI Forum, including each of the sessions in PowerPoint format. Please keep in mind that the files are rather large and may take a few moments to access, depending upon connection speeds. If slide decks are required in a smaller format for accessing, please see the previous posting that remains in .pdf format. The .pdf versions can be shown in their current form or imported into PowerPoint presentations. Based on feedback from participants who attended the Regional Train-The-Trainer program as well as for the benefit of those who were not able to attend, we've arranged for the slide decks of the three-day program to be audio-synced with the speakers' presentations. The presentations are in a modular format that allows for selective viewing. The files are being housed on the Avaris Concepts website and can be viewed through online streaming or downloaded and saved for later viewing. The recorded presentations are located at: <http://www.avarisconcepts.com/index.php/workshops>.

State partners are also encouraged to share the recorded presentation web link with colleagues and partners interested in addressing HAIs by posting it on HAI websites and/or including in HAI- related newsletters.





2012 Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists (CSTE) HAI Pre-Conference Workshop



CDC's Division of Healthcare Quality Promotion (DHQP) held a Pre-Conference Workshop at the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists (CSTE) Annual Conference in Omaha, Nebraska on June 3, 2012. The workshop was interactive and featured presentations from states on topics such as Injection Safety, Prevention Collaboratives, Prevention Research, Carbapenem-resistant Enterobacteriaceae (CRE), and Leveraging Efforts through Partners.

The workshop evaluation results conveyed that overall, participants enjoyed the opportunity to meet HAI Coordinators from other states, thought it was helpful to learn about states' as well as CDC's experiences, and appreciated the open dialogue between CDC and states. Ninety-one percent (91%) of respondents either Strongly Agreed or Agreed that the workshop was well-organized; 88% Strongly Agreed or Agreed that the workshop was useful to their work; and 92% Strongly Agreed or Agreed that the workshop content was useful to their public health practice. Participants suggested additional topics for future workshops such as sustainability efforts for state programs and validation. Suggestions for improvement included having less introduction of the topic and allowing more time for discussion, as well as to include local health departments.



A big "thank you" goes out to the following states who presented at the pre-conference workshop: New Jersey, Colorado, Nevada, Florida, Kentucky, Oregon,

Utah, Tennessee, Maryland, West Virginia, Arizona, and Connecticut. And, thanks to all of you who attended and participated!





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HICPAC Update

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Healthcare Infection Control Practices Advisory Committee (HICPAC)

CDC's first infection prevention and control guideline, *Isolation Techniques for Use in Hospitals*, was published in 1970. Since then, CDC has continued to develop guidelines that contain measures to improve patient safety and healthcare personnel safety. These measures apply not only to hospitals but to all healthcare facilities. Perhaps you're wondering who is responsible for writing these guidelines or what type of process is used for obtaining and developing input from outside of CDC? CDC guidelines are written and shepherded by CDC staff but a committee of external experts assists in reviewing the evidence, summarizing relevant questions, and refining the recommendations. This panel of experts is the Healthcare Infection Control Practices Advisory Committee (HICPAC). Established as a Federal Advisory Committee in 1991, HICPAC's mission is to advise the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) on strategies for surveillance and prevention and control of healthcare-associated infections in healthcare facilities within the United States.

HICPAC membership consists of 14 public members who are knowledgeable in the fields of infectious diseases, surgery, infection control, clinical microbiology, healthcare epidemiology, healthcare-associated infections and healthcare-related events, epidemiology, health policy, health services research, public health, and related fields. The Committee also includes representatives from other federal agencies (Ex-Officio, non-voting Members) and from other relevant organizations (Liaisons). State HAI interests are represented by the Chair of the CSTE HAI Subcommittee, Marion Kainer.

A key feature of HICPAC (and all advisory committees) is that the meetings which are held three times a year are open to the public to allow anyone the opportunity to get updates and provide comments throughout the guideline development process. The most recent meeting occurred June 14-15, 2012 at CDC in Atlanta. Updates were provided on the *Guideline for Preventing Infections in NICU Patients*, as well as on the *Guideline for the Prevention of Surgical Site Infections*. In addition to HICPAC meetings, CDC posts all draft guidelines in the Federal Register for public comment. The comments received are then discussed at a HICPAC meeting before the final draft is submitted for CDC clearance. If you are interested in learning more about HICPAC, please visit: <http://www.cdc.gov/hicpac>.





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NHSN Update

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Healthcare Facility HAI Reporting to the Center for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS) through National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN):

Summary of Current and Proposed Requirements

Facility Type	HAI Event	Reporting Start Date
Acute Care Hospitals	CLABSI	January 2011
Acute Care Hospitals	CAUTI	January 2012
Acute Care Hospitals	SSI	January 2012
Dialysis Facilities	BSI	January 2012
Long Term Acute Care Hospitals	CLABSI / CAUTI	October 2012
Inpatient Rehabilitation Facilities	CAUTI	October 2012
Acute Care Hospitals	MRSA Bacteremia / <i>C. difficile</i>	January 2013
Acute Care Hospitals	HCW Influenza Vaccination	January 2013
Outpatient Surgery/ASCs	SSI (<i>future proposal</i>)	TBD

We hope you are having a wonderful Summer! Please look for the next edition of our HAI newsletter in the Fall.

